

health crisis must be addressed, and unfortunately, President Biden and his appointed border czar, Vice President HARRIS, have been missing in action.

For the sake of all involved, more must be done.

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#### TEXAS ANTI-ABORTION LAW

(Mr. RASKIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise in very strong support of the Women's Health Protection Act.

Today in Texas a law has been put into place that transforms essentially everyone in the country into potential bounty hunters who can go and collect \$10,000 by reporting on doctors, nurses, or family members who helped a woman exercise her constitutional right to seek an abortion in consultation with her physician.

There is not even an exception for rape and incest under the draconian Texas anti-abortion law. A 15-year-old girl could be raped by her father or her uncle and then have her mother go and take her to get an abortion, and the rapist—her father or uncle—could sue them for \$10,000. Or anybody could sue them for \$10,000.

We need to codify *Roe v. Wade* and Planned Parenthood v. Casey to guarantee the constitutional rights of women against the new onslaught against reproductive freedom and women's healthcare in the United States.

#### OPPOSING THE ABORTION ON DEMAND UNTIL BIRTH ACT

(Mr. STAUBER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to the Democrats' abortion on demand until birth act, because as a father of four and foster parent, I am reminded each day that every life is precious and must be protected.

For me, a huge part of my pro-life story is my son Isaac. Isaac was born with Down syndrome, and he brings so much joy to our family. That is why it breaks my heart that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are promoting this legislation that would allow for discriminatory abortions on the basis of sex, race, and disability.

It is disgraceful that there are people in this very Chamber who don't believe that children like my son deserve the right to life. To perform abortion violence on defenseless babies is unthinkable, and it is especially horrifying that this legislation would allow abortion up until the moment of birth.

This is not the direction our country should be headed, and 80 percent of Americans agree. I will be voting against the Democrats' abortion on demand until birth act because this legislation is nothing less than barbaric.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do the same.

#### ARMY STAFF SERGEANT RYAN KNAUSS

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, this is a photo of United States Army Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss. He was one of the 13 servicemembers killed outside the Kabul Airport on August 26.

Staff Sergeant Knauss grew up where I live in Corryton, Tennessee. He always dreamed of joining the American military and did so after graduating from Gibbs High School.

When the Taliban rapidly took control of Afghanistan last month, it created a dangerous situation for American citizens and our allies in the country. In response, our military ramped up its presence at Hamid Karzai International Airport to assist with the evacuation efforts. Staff Sergeant Knauss, who previously served a 9-month deployment in Afghanistan, volunteered to go back for this mission.

Outside that airport was where Staff Sergeant Knauss would selflessly give his life so civilians could escape to safety. He was there helping complete strangers, but this wasn't out of character for him. He loved helping people, and he died doing it.

Following his death, Staff Sergeant Knauss returned home to east Tennessee for a memorial service on September 11. Hundreds from our community lined the procession route in honor of his heroism. And this afternoon, at Arlington National Cemetery, Staff Sergeant Knauss was laid to rest.

Look one more time at this picture behind me. This is what a true American hero looks like. It is not somebody who dribbles a basketball or hits a baseball or throws a football or acts or sings on stage. Remember the last American military casualty from the war in Afghanistan. Remember Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss.

#### DEBT CEILING

(Mr. HERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERN. Mr. Speaker, since gaining complete control of the U.S. Federal Government with the presidency, a narrow majority in the House, and the deciding vote in an equally split Senate, Democrats have started on a big and historic deficit spending spree. The national debt exceeds \$28.7 trillion, and it is growing fast. There is no end in sight.

To continue doing what the government has done for decades—recklessly spending money with no regard to the impact on future generations—is the coward's way out. True leadership takes courage. It doesn't take much ef-

fort to stand here today and tell you about how stupid this kind of spending is, Mr. Speaker. The real challenge is actually doing something about it. Writing a budget, passing the budget, and appropriating money according to the budget is a process we have not completed on time since the nineties.

Secretary Treasurer Janet Yellen recently said that failing to raise the debt ceiling risked "irreparable harm to the U.S. economy and the livelihoods of all Americans."

Ignoring their own Treasury Secretary's warning, Democrats decided to leave the debt ceiling increase out of their partisan budget reconciliation bill, risking financial disaster for the entire Nation.

I recently led a letter to over 100 colleagues asking them to suspend this continuing resolution. While the Democrats want to wave a magic wand and pretend the debt doesn't exist, our debts are very real. Our Democrat colleagues need to do something about this.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER). Members are reminded to heed the gavel.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3755, WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT OF 2021; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4350, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5305, EXTENDING GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND DELIVERING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 667 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 667

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3755) to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 4350) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other